

MEETING DATE: July 15, 2021 **AGENDA ITEM:** C

TO: BSCC Chair and Members

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SUBJECT: Adult Reentry Grant Program, Appointment of Chair and Establishment of Executive Steering Committee: **Requesting Approval**

Summary

This agenda item requests approval to establish an Executive Steering Committee to oversee the development of a Request for Proposals for the Adult Reentry Grant Program. Staff is also requesting that the Board designate a Chair to oversee the grant-development process, authorize staff to work with the ESC Chair to establish a diverse ESC with relevant subject-matter expertise, and delegate authority to the Chair to modify ESC membership if needed.

Background

The Adult Reentry Grant (ARG) provides funding for community-based organizations to deliver reentry services for people formerly incarcerated in state prison. The ARG Program was established in the 2018 Budget Act (Senate Bill 840, Chapter 29, Statutes of 2018) and received additional funding through the Budget Act of 2019 (Assembly Bill 74, Chapter 23, Statutes of 2019) and the Budget Act of 2020 (Assembly Bill 89, Chapter 7, Statutes of 2020).

The Budget Act of 2021 (Senate Bill 112) appropriated \$67 million to the BSCC to administer the ARG program (Attachment D-1). This includes \$37 million in ongoing funding and a one-time increase of \$30 million. The \$67 million will be equally split between Rental Assistance and Warm Handoff and Reentry Services as prescribed by the Budget Act of 2021. BSCC will retain a portion of the award for administrative costs not to exceed 5 percent.

Proposed Activities

In consultation with the appointed Chair, Staff will establish an ESC that is diverse in professional and lived experience, geography, gender, and demographics. In addition, the ESC's composition will reflect the relevant stakeholder experience as prescribed by the Budget Act of 2021. The BSCC will seek interested persons to submit a statement of interest to serve on the ESC through the BSCC's website: [Executive Steering Committees - Seeking Membership](#).

Below are the proposed activities and the tentative timeline necessary to administer a competitive RFP process for the ARG Program:

Activity	Tentative Timeline
BSCC Board Considers Chair Appointment and ESC Establishment	July 15, 2021
ESC Recruitment and Formation	July - August, 2021
RFP development	September - November 2021
Present the RFP for BSCC Board approval	November 18, 2021
Release the RFP to the Field	November 2021
Bidders' Conference	December 2021
Proposals Due to the BSCC	February 2022
Proposal Rating Process and Development of Funding Recommendations	March - May 2022
BSCC Board Considers Funding Recommendations	June 2022
Grants Begin	July 2022

Recommendation/Action Needed

Staff recommends that the Board:

1. Appoint a Chair to the Adult Reentry Grant Program Executive Steering Committee.
2. Delegate authority to the Chair to work with BSCC staff to establish a diverse ESC with relevant subject-matter expertise and to modify membership as needed;
3. Approve the proposed activities and tentative timeline associated with development of the RFP; and
4. Authorize the ESC to oversee the development of the ARG Request for Proposals and to make funding recommendations.

Attachments

C-1: [Assembly Bill 128 \(Chapter 21, Statutes of 2021\)](#)